

Rockville Environment Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2009
At the Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue

Attendance

Commissioners: Faith Klareich, Seth Adams, Steve Cardon, Christine Davidson-McCord, David Davis, Beri Kravitz, and Dominique Lorang-Leins

Absent: Kris Dighe and Tolu Odunlami

Guests: Rockville Historic District Commission, Members of the Rockville Planning Commission, and City staff Mark Charles, Jim Wasilak and Robin Zeik

Meeting Commencement

The meeting was convened at 7:35 pm.

Joint Meeting

The first portion of the meeting was a joint meeting between the Environment Commission and Historic District Commission. Three members of the Planning Commission, including its chair participated.

All Commissioners introduced themselves and described how long they had served on their respective Commissions.

Next the Three Chairs described the mission, purpose and organization of their Commission; as well as their short and longer-term priorities.

A fairly lengthy discussion ensued regarding issues of mutual interest and cultivating a closer working relationship.

All participants agreed that the session had been useful and that a similar session should be held once a year.

Environmental Commission Meeting

At 8:45, following the joint session, the Commission adjourned to a separate meeting room where it conducted its own business for the remainder of the evening

Environmental Management Report by Mark Charles

Charles informed the Commissioners that Jason Yu had tendered his resignation effective at the first of August. Charles also asked Commissioners to forward names of potentially interested candidates to his attention. Similarly, the Commission had a brief conversation about the recruitment to fill Nate Wall's position once he departs City employment in September.

Charles also explained the Green Building ordinance adoption schedule and invited Commissioners to attend these Mayor and Council sessions.

Finally, Mr. Charles reminded those Commissioners with expired terms that they need to get their reappointment materials in by July 6, 2009

New Committee Name

The Commission members indicated that the new name for the climate and energy committee is the *Sustainability Design and Energy Committee*.

Executive Closed Session

David Davis moved and Christine Davidson-McCord seconded a motion to close the meeting to the public in order to consider a change in Commission leadership. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

During the closed session, Chair Klareich indicated her intent to step down as chair after the August meeting or retreat if there is one.

After some discussion of the Chair and a potential addition of a Vice Chair, Christine Davidson-McCord moved and David Davis seconded the nomination of Kris Dighe for the next Chair of the Commission. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

Next Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 14, 2009** at **7:30** pm at the **Rockville City Hall** (111 Maryland Ave).

Post-Meeting Action Items:

- Charles to inform the City Clerks office of the recommendation of Kris Dighe as Chair
- Commissioners with expired terms are to get their reappointment materials to Mr. Charles no later than July 6.